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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mary Bridget "DonnieMae" Collins on July 29, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Bridget Houston was born on November 27, 1937, in Memphis, Tennessee to Daisy S. and Donzell Houston; she was baptized as an infant at St. Augustine Church in Memphis, where she faithfully attended with her grandmother, Daisy Perkins; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins obtained her LPN and RN in Battle Creek, Michigan; upon her relocation to the Chicagoland area in 1975, she continued her formal education and obtained both her Bachelors and Masters degrees in the field of Nursing; her gift of nursing allowed her to teach and touch the hearts of many over the years from the United States to Africa; and

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WHEREAS, A very spiritual and faith-filled person, Mrs. Collins rededicated her life to Christ in 1990 upon joining the Faith Community of St. Sabina; she continued her gift of caring through her membership in the Ministry of Care at St. Sabina; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Bridget Collins will be felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her husband, Joseph Collins; her children, Yvette Mary (Ron) Dunlap, Ronald Eugene (Margaret) Thompson, Donna Lynette (Bill) Biggus, Vincent Dale Watson, and Marilyn Dionne (Phillip) Hunter; her grandchildren, Taylor Dunlap, Ronald (Angie) Thompson II, Derrick Thompson, Justin Thompson, Amanda Thompson, Chrisann Biggus, Bridget Biggus, Sabrina Biggus, Montrell Watson, Nicole Watson, Justin Watson, Ashia Hunter, Malachi Hunter, Melvin Clemons, and Honesty Clemons; her great-grandchildren, Tristan, Dachia, Jamal, Mikiah, Jyaer, Amari, Najae, Kalasia,

1 and Kairiq; her ex-husband, Donald Thompson; as well as a  
2 multitude of other family members and very dear friends;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
6 Mary Bridget Collins, and we extend our sincerest condolences  
7 to her family and friends; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
10 sympathy.